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DATE: Oct. 27, 2003

**PATENT  
MAIL-STOP FEE AMENDMENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of MICHAEL ECONS, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1647 : : :
Appln. No.:	09/901,938	: Examiner: C. Saoud : :
Filed:	July 10, 2001	: Attorney Docket : No. 053884-5001 :
For:	NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR (FGF23) AND METHODS OF USE	: : :

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 26, 2003 (Paper No. 9), sent in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the petition for a one-month extension of time and accompanying fee being filed herewith, which sets the time for a response to the Office Action to and through Monday, October 27, 2003 (October 26, 2003 being a Sunday).

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows: